WHY ROLE OF PEACEMAKER MAY FALL TO KING OF SPAIN

NLESS Emperor William withdraws from the position which he has taken up in connection with his threat to sink without warning all merchant ships, neutral and belligerent alike, venturing within what he is pleased to call the "zones" of his submarine operations in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean he will have the entire world in arms against Germany and her three allies. His menace, it must thoroughly be understood, applies not only to neutral vessels bound for enemy ports but also to neutral shipping on its way from one neutral port to another. It is equivalent to an undertaking to murder any one found on the high seas and creates such an altogether intolerable situation as to excite the indignation even of those very few tral Powers that have hitherto bee regarded as disposed to favor the Central Powers rather than those of the Entente.

Thus Teuton influences at the court of Stockholm and in military, industrial and financial circles in Sweden were until last Christmas so promounced that to converse in English in public in any of the principal Swedish cities and towns was to invite insult. Yet Sweden has joined with Denmark and Norway in presenting to the Kalser one of the most strongly worded protests that have been handed to him since he proclaimed his new submarine policies.

Even China has communicated to him an official expression of her indignation and has threatened to break off diplomatic relations with Germany unthere is no Chinese shipping that is mania, to whom the Powers of the Entente failed to give adequate or likely to come within the radius of the timely protection against Teuton inzones indicated by the Kaiser, the mes- vasion. sage addressed to him by the Pekin ness. Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Government requires some expiana-tion. In threatening Emperor William to fear that in the event of the Kaiser with the expulsion of all his diplomatic invading their territories the help of and consular agents in China the Pres- the Powers of the Entente would prove ident of this immense Oriental repub- inadequate to save them. lie has in mind the fact that much, if not most, of the shipping plying be- her entire army for defensive purposes. tween Far Eastern ports and Europe But this does not prevent the fact that is manned by Chinamen. Then too the Kaiser has massed a quarter of a Pekin wishes to place itself on record as being vigorously opposed, on the Dutch border ready to invade the grounds of modern civilization and hu- Netherlands at the very first indication manity, to the savage methods of mar- of Queen Wilhelmina's resolve finally warfare inaugurated by the to throw in her lot with the Powers of

This impending break between China who believe that he will not wait for and Germany, which is of course being the Queen to show her hand but will in actively fostered by Japan and the the near future suddenly pour his other Powers of the Entente, will work armies over her borders without any incalculable damage to Germany in its warning, as he did in the case of Belmoral as well as in its economic ef- gium, conscious of the fact that once fects. The expulsion of the diplomatic in the possession of Holland and of the and consular agents of the Kaiser in Dutch ports on the North Sea, he will China will deal a wellnigh mortal blow find himself much more advantagemer Middle Kingdom, but also in the don and to other scaports of the castfurthest confines of Asia. Moreover, it ern coast of England

If China has been thus far the only has severed all official relations with even among belligerents. If China has been thus far the only next far the only as severed all official relations with has severed all official relations with he oven among belligerents.

Spain assembled last month at Madrid of proceeded in a deputation of the conditions of the conditions of the determination of the conditions of the determination of the conditions of the determination of the conditions of the war Allower of Alfonso XIII., his Government and his people, have taken the lead in all humanitarian the proceeded in a deputation to the region of the region of the representation of the conditions of the determination of the conditions of the determination of the conditions of the very discovered just before the representation to the region of the representation of the conditions of the very discovered just before the representation of the conditions of the very discovered just before the representation of the conditions of the representation of the representa



Premier Count Alvaro de Romanones.

their freedom of action.

will frustrate all the plans made by With regard to Spain conditions are and can therefore speak in more cer-changed, while the official records and we find the leading newspapers in and of his Premier, Count Romanones, the Germans for the resumption of her different. She has little or nothing to tain tones, she has under her care show that the bureau which he has or-defined in China after the close of the fear from a German invasion. In fact the interests of almost all of the ganized in his palace at Madrid for the those of France and Great Britain, will of the Kaiser, communicated war. China being probably the richest Germany has since the beginning of Powers of the Entente in Germany search for missing officers and soldiers pointing to him as better qualified than through his Ambassador, Prince Max market of western commerce and in the war sunk so much of her merchant and in Austria as well as at Stamboul. of the rival armies and for the relief any one else—especially since Prest. dustry in all the wide world. China's shipping that she could not do very any of the diplomatic service of Prusing of the diplomatic service of the diplomatic service of Prusing of the subject of the Spanish press in favor of Geratic Service of Prusing of the diplomatic service of Prusing of the diplomatic service of Prusing of the Spanish press in favor of Geratic Service of Prusing of the Spanish press in favor of Geratic Service of Prusing of the Spanish press in favor of Geratic Service of Prusing of the Spanish press in favor of Geratic Service of Prusing and if scoffed at possibly by Emperor participation in the fray as long as she the prisoners of war, military as well this essentially philanthropic under-differences between the rival groups King Alfonso in response to a hurried. The arrival of this extraordinary mes-lunar system. With a very few ex-William is certain to be taken very can do so consistently with her na- as civilian, and it is through her that taking being defrayed by the privy of Powers at the congress of peace summons was hastening back to Ma- sage at Madrid coincided there with ceptions it is employed for fixing the seriously by the great merchant and tional dignity and self-respect, it is the Powers of the Entente are still en- purse of Don Alfonso. manufacturing interests in his domin-ions.

| A great many foreign lews also used the struggle. | Granada, where he had been staying man financed and German controlled A great many foreign lews also used the struggle. | Granada, where he had been staying man financed and German controlled A great many foreign lews also used the struggle. | Granada, where he had been staying man financed and German controlled A great many foreign lews also used the struggle. | It has been urged that the Online of San Pedro, two large newspaper, of an interview with the it to reckon birth and death anni

invalided into Switzerland through the which he has displayed in this connect they have been guilty of several at-Spain suffers from no such danger agency of King Alfonso, or else ex- tion, have created a deep impression, tempts upon the life of Don Alfonso

years ago by his grandmother, Isabella II., for the reward and official recognition of philanthropy. Alfonso, how-ever, declared in reply that it would not be fitting for him to adorn himself with any such order of merit, that whatever credit there was for humanitarian work done at Madrid belonged not to himself but to his people-to the would endeavor to meet their wishes by awarding the insignia of the matic relations with Germany, within order in question to the standard of the next few days, and that she will be the regiment that bore his name with at war with Germany before the end the object of associating his fellow of the month. This is due not alone countrymen in any recognition for the to the certainty of Spanish ships being work done by Spain in behalf of the sunk without warning by Teuton subded and victims of the rival bel- marines in accordance with the ligerent Powers in the present war. Kaiser's threat, but also to the alto-

The impartiality with which he has gether intolerable activities in Spain of performed this philanthropic work has the agents of the Berlin Government. been profoundly appreciated abroad There has been much destruction of among the nations of the Entente, by life and property in the Peninsula by the governments and by the people— Germans with the object of preventing but in Germany by the people alone. war supplies from reaching the na-His refusal to give his adhesion to tions of the Entente. But not content to Teuton prestige not only through- ously situated to strike at Great posed to the peril of German invasion, conflict. Thousands of inmates of any premature efforts in behalf of with endeavoring to show up ware-out the length and breadth of the for- Britain and to impede access to Lon- and this to such an extent as to impair prison camps in Germany have been peace, and the discretion and tact

Spain assembled last month at Madrid for the determination of the conditions bombs heavily loaded with nitro- German Ambassador in which he de- versaries.

the Country and Its Ruler glories of Spain, when she occupied the | vicinity, and the documents found on that the Premier, Count Romanones. foremost rank among the great Powers them enabled the police to pay domi-of the universe. Indeed, his Ministers ciliary visits to Madrid, where abun-Entents by material interests," that have given public expression to their dant evidence was found to bring the

satisfaction, and the Premier, Count crime home to German agents.

process of mobilization.

never forgive either himself or his dy-

nasty were he to sacrifice national re-

as chief mediator and arbitrator in the

peace.

Yet the Very Fact That Spain May Be the Last of the Great Neutrals Imperils the Safety of

Romanones, at a public banquet last I need only point out that were any-month at Madrid laid stress on the thing untoward to happen to Don of conciliation, and that her king, in in Spain as to prevent her from either view of the prestige which he had ac- declaring war upon Germany or bringquired, was destined to become the ing any pressure whatsoever to bear at to Don Alfonso, who, however, as was nediator between the combatants.

Berlin and Vienna. For the heir aptobe expected, assured him of his entered him of his entered him and the prince of the Asturias, is the confidence, and begged him and mediator between the combatants. Now these) pleasurable and gratifying and anticipations of Spain will come to but 10 years old, and would have becaught in the event of King Alfonso being compelled to have recourse to being compelled to have recourse to would be an inevitable contest for the subsequently indorsed with enthusiasm extremities through the increased de-struction of Spanish life and property English birth and symapthies, and her Cortes, where Republicans and Conon the high seas by German subma- mother-in-lew, Queen Christina, who servatives of every class united in on the high seas by German submarines. His Government has penned a
very strong note of remonstrance in
reply to the Kaiser's threats to sink
leans toward the Central Powers. King
war, so that the nation could present unwarned all Spanish and other neu- Alfonso has two brothers-in-law. Of a united front to any foreign foe, tral shipping found in the forbidden these one, the Infant Fernando, who zones. The Spanish note was so vig-

King Alfonso no alternative save that Bavaria and intensely pro-German, of declaring war upon Germany and while the other, the Infant Carlos, married en secondes noces to Princess upon her allies in the event of its being disregarded. And in view of this Louise of France, sister of the Dukes contingency all the military and naval of Orleans and of Montpensier, is natuforces of the kingdom are now in rally heart and soul for France and sition to Count Romanones. They have her allies. The contest for the regency, not only agreed to abstain from makor rather I should say the quarrels in ling any inquiries or inaugurating any fend his people, both at home and connection therewith, would lead to all debates which might be embarrassing abroad and on sea as well as on land, sorts of political intrigues and disturbunces, which would leave Spain wholly also to postpone until after the war even if it costs him his prospects of powerless to play any role whatsoever the debates on the legislative probecoming the mediator in bringing the in the affairs of Europe in this, the gramme of the Government, content. war to a conclusion and the arbitrator greatest crisis of its history. Under ing themselves with voting, not merely in settling the conditions of peace. the circumstances it will be readily un- the ordinary budget, but the additional The Spaniards are an essentially proud derstood that King Alfonso's life just supplies required by the State for purand high spirited people. These are characteristics which are to be found at present is more than ordinarily poses of naval and military defence. characteristics which are to be found not only in the highest in the land but precious to his people.

As an illustration of the boldness of keeping Spain out of the war, has also among the poorest, even among the very beggars and tramps. Alfonso

knows his fellow countrymen well and ereignty of the King and of his Gov- ago the country would have been very appreciates entirely that they would ernment I may mention that for some divided about drawing the sword time past the German consuls at Bar- against the Central Powers, seeing that celona, Bilbon, Santander, Cadiz, Car- there are no less than 100,000 Germans. spect, honor and dignity in order to tagena and other Spanish ports have avert war and to retain his candidacy been granting so-called safe conduct the peninsula, the people will now if to Spanish merchant ships, pretending necessary, enter upon the fray on the negotiations for the restoration of to secure them against being sunk or captured by German submarines in A very general impression has the Mediterranean or on the Atlantic sprung up within the last week or ten days that Spain will be compelled to They have been charging for these entire Spanish nation. He added that follow the United States, at any rate safe conducts at the rate of \$100 apiece, under the heading of inspection fees, and an additional rate of 25 cents a ton on the registered tonnage of the ship. The money thus extorted was taken recently when the ship. The money thus extorted was taken recently when the ship blackmall to the extent of breaking off diplonothing more nor less than blackmail, dar Of the countries of Europe only and in one instance at Valencia the German Consul after receiving and Since 1582 when the pocketing his \$100 fee for inspection calendar was ordained by Pope Gregdeclined to give a safe conduct on the ground that the oranges which consteading increasing. At first only ground that the oranges which con-stituted the cargo were wrapped in Catholic nations of Europe used it. The paper bearing a stamped portrait of first non-Catholic countries to adopt

> Madrid to Berlin was intercepted by the wireless station on the summit of the summit o the Eiffel Tower at Paris and was at Mohammedan calendar, which is still once communicated by the French employed in other Islamitic countries Government to the Spanish Ambassa- This calendar has a lunar year of 213 dor for transmission to Madrid. It days, divided into twelve months of was nothing more nor less than an twenty-nine and thirty days each appeal from Prince Max Hohenlohe to Eleven times in every cycle of thirts his Government at Berlin for more years a day is added at the end of the

Granada, where he had been staying man financed and German controlled A great many foreign down also use

is to say that he had permitted himself to be bribed by the Allies.

caused by these attacks on the Prefact that Spain alone was in a position Alfonso at the present moment such at the proper moment to raise a voice an amount of confusion would result discussion in the Cortes, that County Romanones considered it necessary to tender the resignation of his Cabine;

Prince Hohenlohe has persistently makes his home at Madrid, is by birth intrigued with the political adversaries zones. The Spanish note was so vigbarrass it, to frustrate its aims and to discredit it in the eyes of the people. But all that he has achieved has been to reconcile, for the time being, the

Prince Hohenlohe, indeed, instead of the German officials in Spian and of brought it much nearer to participatheir insulting disregard for the sov- tion therein, and whereas two years many of them reservists, at present in side of the Allies as an absolutely united nation.

TURKS CHANGE CALENDAR.

Since 1582, when the use of this Queen Ena, the Consul objecting to the Queen of Spain on account of her The Protestants of Germany and Switzerland adopted it in 1700, Prussla Last month a wireless message from did likewise in 1778, Great Britain in

Until now Turkey has used the

GLIMPSES OF SOME RARE WINTER VISITORS AND HOW TO MAKE FEEDING THEM A CHARI

light expense, but unhappily in most cases misdirected. For unless relenting Dives knows rather more among to the 7:15 and a million dollar ap-Lazarus will be the gamin English any winter famine, and bids fair in the remainder of the day.

Meanwhile the best use I know of time to divide with the starling the for a Sunday is to follow a certain continent.

be written about a worthy guild of

and rarity make interest, are a dozen between me and the naked woods that winter visitants, called by science ac- laced the orange sunset. Again, a week cidental, from the north. Most of ago, there were bluebirds in some one's these come, as it seems, without law garden and song sparrows perking or reason. When or where he will along by an ice bound rill, and the

minuals. The less dependable snow- hood, but all were good for sore eyes. flake follows a southward moving with the winter young. flake follows a southward moving with the winter young.

There are four big hawks, or, better, there is one true falcon with four lished a passionate poem about some

pretty enough and one of form the habit of a country hike.

with all its attendant frightful-

It is true that Holland has mobilized

million men on the weakest portion of

the Dutch border ready to invade the

the Entente. There are many indeed

fowls than a hawk from a hand saw, pointment, I should catch the lisp of Bohemian waxings in the junipers, and then it would be all off-no million, a sparrow, a feathered rat, who may be telephoned lie about unexpected arcounted on to feed himself through rivals and an aching conscience for

path, skirting the Irving country on the north, from Scarborough by the Feeding such wretches is like river to a hospitable hilltop overlookthrowing dimes into the sidewalk ing Pocantico Lake. It climbs three wooded ridges and crosses a swale and "flopper's" cap. Good is done only a brook; also, I fear, a private estate to the self-esteem of the bountiful. or two. But surely the gates and stiles their tribe. No one ever heard of a

Here, provided you get the right all year residents. Chickadee, Nut-hatch, Downy Woodpecker & Co., who can be fed without encouraging pariahs, provided you understand their ways and special needs. But in this is really worth), you may drink the epoch of bird clubs so many people air and listen to the silence, not in-do understand that the chickadee and frequently catching a glimpse of some his cronies are certain almost any-where in the tree planted suburbs to drawing a total blank, for one rare find a wise friend and suet near his birdless day there was a deer, a wild, free, ten point buck-"what the devil More interesting, as picturesqueness was he doing in that valley?"-at gaze

the evening grosbeak comes one year can, if near your premises, be allured by thousands, the next by dozens, the to a feeding station. Several are inby thousands, the next by dozens, the to a feeding station. Several are in-next perhaps not at all, and for aught different or shy. A few are attracted come within the list of the accidental that is known he comes the whole fast enough to poultry yards, but the distance from the Canadian northwest poultry farmers, sordid men, seem not only for the joy of it; so rarely are is in fact their bosom friend. or the bordering States. Extreme low to want them there. Personally I can they reported in this State that the temperatures there or failing food imagine no rural occupation pleasanter capture of one makes ornithological explained. In my own walks all things supply, or both, may in time reveal than raising nice fat pullets, for the history. They are the gyrfalcons, told I see against sunsets are wilful enough and unless you happened to catch the

ome principle governing his wander- sake of having a distinguished gos- apart by their color grades from white to look black, or a shadowy meno- characteristic flight call the falling hawk about my home. Goshawks this to blackish. The American Museum chrome. Not even Pocahontas would cone scales under a tree would guide When you go forth to meet such a winter are down on us in some force. of Natural History has heard of a have a rosy bosom in such circum-you to a feeding flock. chance celebrity as this all the odds. One haunts the crest of a ridge near gyrfalcon killed this winter on stances. But then—I write no license. If you were brought are against your doing it, even though that path, where he has a commanding Fisher's Island.

By HARRY ESTY DOUNCE.

We are urged to feed the birds, a cold weather charity other as thrilling may; at least you

To go and go, choosing agreeable walks through likely country. Sooner or later through likely country. Sooner or later the forests where they breed. Should be will meet you; if he does not, another as thrilling may; at least you other as thrilling may; at least you

Effort May Lead to Some Charming Acquisintances. Effort May Lead to Some Charming Acquaintances

Goshawks are about the worst of goshawk doing a generous act. And Sparrows and starlings demerit an article by themselves; another might lords of all outdoors.

denote an easement, a right of way, goshawk doing a generous act. And acknowledged by the landowners to basely tell-told that one, who called his een, who went forth gun in hand.

Son had been a Boy Scout somewhere. No deer slayer could have been more scientific; the stalk he made simply recked with campfire lore. He the cover between his home and Ossining. Had he stopped to think he would have dug himself along by a zigzag The evening grosbeak, mentioned trench. The goshawk was very pa- above, is one of the fine sensations. tient, but twenty minutes of this got on his nerves, and away he flew, long before shotgun contact could have been established.

He is still around the farm, and the irregularly reported. boy is still stalking, I imagine.

The goshawk is the larger of two cult of the opera glass grown so large.

ours, is Cooper's hawk.

on birds of prey. As a rule they fly, ably know. If you don't the fault is Either the goshawk was tired after yours, for he nests along the Pallsades his journey from the north, or he was and even raids over the city some- grays, with accents of black and white. Personally, and like many at digesting a fowl tougher than most, times and dines on pigeon. I have seen He made a charming picture; the gray him strike one down to the roofs near yous.

looked my fill, then tossed up my cap, who favors the shore because of his year, when we had a flock for weeks idly, rather nonchalantly, he taste for ducks. This silent ghost, at wafted himself ten yards to the top of home where bears and hares and foxes sistent injury.

health than I, for one, have ever known about woodcraft. Snowy owls nearly immaculate. Once there was a talk of it. specimen sooty gray. A farmer brought him to an ornithologist, who washed him clean again; unless the for a century that the winter is exsimply recked with campfire lore. He will be not most of court of the cover between his home and Ossin. The cover between his home and Ossin. standing.

How long he has been visiting us pending on similar food, he flocks with authorities cannot say. There was a the two smaller crossbills, one of memorable flight in 1890-91; since which, the American, appears in althen evening grosbeaks have been most any region where evergreen cones

In the last few winters, with the time. sight them next nobody can be sure.

The kinglet, the junco, the tree sparrow and others are dependable, hardy

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Some of these summer familiars was swift sailing privateer, our dainty A year ago they amounted to another been known to stray as far south as sharpshin. The other edition, also flight. At present the birds are again washington. On the other hand, for attracting much attention.

he knows evening grosbeaks by heart,

snow, lights up a scene like a torch. mlan, who reaches us once in a pink The "gross" beak is always conspic-

about the German part of the city, and many a good old soul ecstasized over another tree, where he ignored me al- and finches and grouse and the land- the blessed birds remembered from her scape are white, accounts for a lot of youth. The duliest passerby remarked game, but does the farmer no con- the flock, whence to me it looked probable that their winter incursions ac-He sees perfectly well by day and tually are a recent phenomenon, dating knows more about the care of his since the clearing of the northern middle West. Had they been coming much through the '60s and '70s orniare barred and spangled, except a few thologists would surely have heard

The pine grosbeak belongs north too, but nearer, and it has been known observed. Another big, confiding, quiet fellow-old male rosy, others, five to his one or more, Quakerish gray. Less prone than the evening when here to drift into our suburbs. Often, deto drift into our suburbs. are found, and up State at almost any

But the white winged crossbill would this winter the museum has no local tidings of him.

There is a pretty German legend. He sang they had "rosy Englished in verse by Longfellow or some one, that sparrows tugged at the nails on Calvary and twisted their bills and dyed themselves with the blood, to is in fact their bosom friend.

Against a sunset they look rosy, he that may be, crossed mandibles are the very tool to dissect a cone for its seeds.

If you were brought up in the counare against your doing it, even though some one has told you where he was stopping the day before. The thing is

The first time I saw him I came might possess these birds of high de-

round a brush-blind turn and found myself directly under his perch in a wild cherry. Often one chances thus by, is our duckhawk, whom you prob-

birdist who has more time for the hobby, I have yet to see the Bohemian paper to describe the three toed wood- which means night will be tonic cold They resemble more than a little waxwing alive. When I do I shall peckers. You won't see any; scarcely of him shone like smoked pearl; the delicate markings of flanks and flags at the distance were sharp as print. I oftener met with is the big snowy owl.

They resemble more than a little waxwing alive. When I do I shall peckers. You won't see any; scarcely the hawfinch of the old countries; how at the distance were sharp as print. I oftener met with is the big snowy owl.

No Bohemian waxwings have been fact be known, and should offer proof, by a photograph if possible; the day Personally, and like many another of shooting rarities is past.

There is no use consuming white



American Crossbill.

I'm told, a difference in his conversa- for instance, then either were you born under 'lavish stars or the promising child of Mark Twain's friend Ben count as a record. That was the end of July, the place a little forest stream meandering to Georgian Bay, the day perfection, golden, still and warm, will that shimmer on the cloudless sh

> There had been deer in the morning around each bend. There had been white winged crossbills, wood ducks grouse, big bronze frogs on the weed. whose haunches went well in the par-We lunched at a pool across from marshy meadow, candled with balsan and spruce, and here as we smoked after eating came a pair of the Arctithree toes, playing some grave game of tag-up one tree to its planarie frond and down through the air to

A bird day to be marked with white stone. Only-we were out of the world a month and no one care five or six miles down stream two love. from Toronto, tenderfoot veyageners. stopped us for a match-and then casually, as an idiotic Jove would the thunderbolt, asked if we know whether England had entered the

What it lacks in comfort and

to you by adventurous anterpala

versity the winter birding males

You never know when you are grown to see the accidental visitant, see gyrfolcon Shakespeare on the stant And then you get more of these tant zing glimpses-the birds that the wing afar, in tricky light, and in for aught you know have been a new species. You don't report them, 1 keys-but you do remember them fordly I shall always think I once saw a smew on the Hudson from a car will dów-a smew, an old world sheldrass never taken in the United States ! cept by Audubon once, and -Aud likelier that I saw the Shah of Fem Nevertheless, in my private mis-142 that bobbing spot of white in waves will be a smew forever. Name

earch Society.

And to me he is worth a thought actual transatiantic smows, optobin a smuseum.

can take him from me, or call I ma

hallucination, I am going to rel be paper on smews to the Psychian De-